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1 Q. She seems to be making friends?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. You're happy with the -- with what's going

4 on with her so far with her experience in college?

5 A. I worry about her, but, yes.

6 Q. Are you aware if she has had any

7 interactions with Eric Romig since his arrest?

8 A. To my knowledge, no.

9 Q. Have you spent any money out of pocket

10 relating to anything pertaining to this Eric Romig

11 situation?

12 A. My husband, although not seeking any mental

13 health, had medical health issues, so, yes, we've had

14 some. He did seek medical attention.

15 Q. For what?

16 A. Not being able to sleep, anxiety, stress.

17 Q. And what's the nature of that? In other

18 words, what sort of provider are you going to see?

19 A. His family doctor.

20 Q. And is there some sort of medication or

21 something that he's getting?

22 A. There had been for -- I'd say maybe three

23 quarters of a year to a year, at least, maybe.

24 Q. How much money did you spend on those visits

25 and whatever medications and so forth?

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1 A. Couple hundred dollars. Less than a
2 thousand.

3 Q. Have you had any medical treatment relating
4 in any way relating to this Eric Romig situation,
5 including mental health?

6 A. I don't believe in doctors, so, no.

7 Q. You mentioned something about one of -- I
8 forget if it's Dr. L or Dr. T, that you were paying
9 for out of pocket?

10 A. That was Dr. T, yes.

11 Q. How much do you think you spent on Dr. T?

12 A. It was a co-pay. Insurance covered most of
13 it.

14 Q. Are you aware of any plans that your
15 daughter has to seek mental health treatment in the
16 future?

17 A. At this time she's -- I don't know of any.
18 She had been -- spoken to by Dr. L to -- who was very
19 concerned that she wasn't getting any more
20 treatments, that she should seek somebody while she's
21 at college. But to my knowledge, she has not.

22 MR. KEMETHER: I don't think I have
23 any further questions for you at this time. But I'm
24 going to let everybody ask some. If I have a few
25 follow up, I will.

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EXAMINATION

3 BY MR. RUSSELL:

4 Q. My name's Jonathan Russell. And I represent
5 the Faith Christian defendants. I have some
6 questions that are similar to the questions that I
7 asked your husband just because your perspective is
8 going to be a little bit different and you may add
9 some additional information to that.

10 Would you agree that your daughter is
11 primarily a private person?

12 A. She's extremely private. My take on this
13 whole situation was that God put her in this
14 situation because she's a strong person. She's
15 extremely private, but she's extremely strong. And
16 when it became apparent that there may have been
17 other victims that either couldn't or didn't come
18 forward, I felt God knew that she would be able to
19 handle it and that she would see it through to stop.

20 Q. Just so you're aware, there's no other
21 victims that we know of that had sexual intercourse
22 with Mr. Romig.

23 A. There are other ways --

24 MR. GROTH: Excuse me. There's not
25 a question there. And I'll object to the extent that

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1 you're giving this witness information that may or
2 may not be true. It's certainly not something that's
3 on the record.

4 MR. RUSSELL: Certainly not
5 anything that the police or anyone has discovered in
6 this case. And I want to make sure that she's aware
7 of that.

8 MR. GROTH: Well, she -- go ahead.

9 Ask your next question.

10 BY MR. RUSSELL:

11 Q. What depositions have you reviewed in
12 preparation for today or at all?

13 A. Just Liz's.

14 Q. Is there any reason why you haven't reviewed
15 anyone else's deposition?

16 MR. GROTH: Other than discussions
17 with me.

18 A. No.

19 Q. So you know that we've deposed Emily Mayer,
20 you know that Kristen Kennedy has been deposed?

21 A. I've been told.

22 Q. You know that the Smith -- Mr. Smith, Kevin
23 Smith, the father of Emily Mayer, has been deposed?

24 MR. GROTH: Again, don't answer any
25 of these questions to the extent that it has to do

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1 with discussions that you and I had. If you had
2 information from another source that these were
3 taken, you tell this gentleman. If not, don't answer
4 the question.

5 A. No.

6 Q. You've not asked to review any depositions,
7 as far as you know --

8 MR. GROTH: Object to the form of
9 the question. It has to do with conversations
10 between counsel and client.

11 Q. Fair enough. Why don't you believe in
12 doctors?

13 A. I'm a generally healthy person. And I feel
14 people -- I don't need to see one personally very
15 often, so I just don't.

16 Q. You've testified to some degree about you're
17 a person of faith. Do you believe in faith healing?

18 A. I don't disbelieve or believe. It's --

19 Q. But do you have a religious opposition to
20 getting medical treatment --

21 A. No.

22 Q. -- for you or your family members?

23 A. No.

24 Q. With regard to the filing of this civil
25 Complaint -- the criminal matter, and I agree with

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1 you that your daughter went forward, she was able to
2 talk to the police and she was willing to see through
3 on the criminal end to make sure justice was served
4 against Mr. Romig. Now what we're dealing with is
5 the civil aspect.

6 Was it your idea to file the civil
7 complaint?

8 A. We talked it over amongst all of ourselves.

9 Q. Meaning? You, yourself --

10 A. And Liz and my husband.

11 Q. And she knew that in filing the civil
12 complaint, that she would no longer be anonymous, so
13 to speak, correct?

14 A. Correct.

15 Q. Was there any discussion about the timing of
16 the filing of the Complaint, filing it before she
17 completed her academic and softball career at
18 Pennridge?

19 A. It was not -- it's all legal. We didn't
20 seek the timing or dis-seek.

21 Q. Because Liz testified that she felt that
22 maybe her dad was ostracized a little bit at the
23 games, he would sit by himself. And obviously the
24 lawsuit was filed and reported in the paper before
25 the spring season of softball at Pennridge.

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1 And I'm just wondering, were you aware of
2 any kind of push back or fallout from the filing of
3 the civil litigation?

4 MR. GROTH: Object to the form of
5 the question only insofar as it assumes that
6 everything was anonymous and nobody knew about Liz
7 except for the lawsuit, which is what you seem to be
8 implying.

9 But you can answer the question.

10 A. Liz was aware that the team knew who she
11 was -- the team came to all of the court hearings and
12 supported me. So she was well aware.

13 As far as outside press and everything
14 else and -- I believe in her deposition that she did
15 not state that it was due to the lawsuit that my
16 husband sat apart.

17 Q. But it would have been after the lawsuit was
18 filed?

19 A. That is correct.

20 Q. I think you testified that she had some
21 concern when she walked through the halls at
22 Pennridge, that people knew, you know, what had
23 happened between her and Romig?

24 A. She was very mortified.

25 Q. That's what I'm trying to inquire about.

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1 She's so mortified about that. Why file a civil
2 lawsuit before she completes her senior year at
3 Pennridge?

4 A. Again, it wasn't something that we sat down
5 and said this will happen at this time.

6 Q. And as I indicated to your husband, part of
7 our job is to evaluate claims for damages. You know,
8 you've made a claim. You've asserted a theory of
9 liability against my clients and then an expectation
10 that you'll be compensated or your daughter will be
11 compensated in terms of money.

12 And what we're trying to figure out, is
13 there anything other than what we've gone over with
14 regard to her damages? You indicated she went to
15 NOVA and she had a counselor there. Was NOVA free?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And so then she went -- we have two notes
18 from another therapist outside of that and I think
19 it's Dr. --

20 MR. GROTH: Trushel or something.

21 Q. I couldn't read the handwriting, frankly.
22 It was two visits that I have, both in May. May of
23 2014. Does that sound right?

24 A. (Witness nods head.)

25 Q. That's a yes?

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1 A. I believe so, yes.

2 Q. And there's a note with Dr. Levenberg that

3 you -- did you go with Liz to the NOVA appointments?

4 A. I drove her to all of the appointments. I

5 was not in the room. She was by herself with the

6 counselor.

7 Q. There's a note in here dated May 21st, 2015,

8 which would be after Mr. Romig was already sentenced.

9 It says, received contact from client's mother

10 requesting appointment for client and mother to meet

11 with counselor to review client's record. Do you

12 know what that was about?

13 A. I believe that was when we picked up her

14 records from NOVA.

15 Q. And why were you picking up her records?

16 MR. GROTH: To give them to you.

17 Q. You had to make an appointment to do that?

18 You couldn't ask them to send them to you or

19 something?

20 A. NOVA doesn't work that way.

21 Q. And then it looks like you had to sign an

22 authorization form in order to have those records

23 released to you and Liz?

24 A. Correct.

25 Q. And just so I'm clear, we don't have any

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1 information provided to us other than those NOVA
2 visits and those two visits with the therapist. Are
3 you aware of any other counselors, therapists,
4 psychologists, psychiatrists that she's gone to for
5 treatment purposes?

6 A. I am not aware of any.

7 Q. And no one ever provided her with
8 prescription medication that she needed to take?

9 A. No, they did not.

10 Q. And again, I know there was indication that
11 she missed time from school, but the records that
12 we've been provided from Pennridge indicate that her
13 absences are the same before this incident occurred
14 as they were after this incident. Is that your
15 understanding, as well?

16 A. That is correct.

17 Q. And with regard to her academic career, is
18 she -- she maintained her 4.0 average when she
19 graduated?

20 A. With her weighted classes, yes.

21 Q. And she was on the National Honor Society?

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. That was not impacted in any way by this,
24 correct?

25 A. No, it was not. I had a meeting that I told

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1 them I did not feel that it was fair if it would
2 impact her.

3 Q. But they never said that it was going to
4 impact her, right?

5 A. They said it would be taken care of if it
6 was -- if it would be.

7 Q. And she continued to play softball. You
8 said that you had some concerns that she may not play
9 softball, but she finished out her career?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. In fact, she's playing collegially now,
12 right?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. You thought she might not go to college, but
15 in fact she got an academic scholarship to go to
16 college?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. Is it a \$26,000 a year scholarship that she
19 received?

20 A. Maybe a little more.

21 Q. And do you know how much you have to pay as
22 part of the tuition -- annual tuition?

23 A. Approximately another 20,000.

24 O. With regard -- I'm going to show you --

25 MR. RUSSELL: Why don't we mark

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1 this as A. Nace 1.

2 (Whereupon, A. Nace Exhibit 1, Letter, was
3 marked for identification.)

4 BY MR. RUSSELL:

5 Q. Have you seen this document before?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And this is your impact statement. Did you
8 actually read this at the sentencing of Mr. Romig?

9 A. I read most of it. My copy, I found out, as
10 I started reading it, was missing a few pages.

11 Q. Do you know if those few pages are in this
12 document or not? They're not numbered. So it's --

13 A. Yes, they're all here.

14 Q. They're all here?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. I just want to ask you a couple things about
17 this. When I read through this, it sounded like you
18 and your husband actually suffered physically,
19 requiring medical care in reading through this.

20 Would that be accurate? You sought out a medical
21 doctor and your husband sought out a medical doctor?

22 A. I did not seek any for myself.

23 Q. Your husband did?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. It said that you had chest pains often?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. But you didn't seek out --

3 A. No.

4 Q. Did Liz ever have chest pains? Did she ever
5 complain of chest pains that you know of?

6 A. Possibly. I'm not sure.

7 Q. And then your husband, it said that he went
8 to the doctor and he was prescribed medication,
9 correct?

10 A. That is correct.

11 Q. Would it be fair to say that you and your
12 husband were affected physically as a result of this
13 incident more than Liz was?

14 MR. GROTH: Object to the form
15 insofar as it requires some medical expertise to
16 respond to.

17 But you can respond.

18 A. Liz was a minor at the time, so if medical
19 attention should have been gotten other than the
20 doctors I did take her to, that would have been my
21 fault. My husband's an adult and he seeks -- he is
22 under regular medical attention. I believe it had
23 the same affects on her and she is a much slighter
24 person than my husband is. But I did not seek
25 medical attention for any physical ailments.

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1 Q. In here on the first page it talked about
2 you were not sure if she was going to commit suicide.

3 Did she make an attempt to commit suicide?

4 A. No, she did not. But I know she was
5 extremely upset and angry with us at that given time
6 when we found out.

7 Q. Did she ever threaten to do so?

8 A. She did not.

9 Q. And then also the next -- underneath that
10 you said, or she would try to run away with him. Did
11 she ever threaten to run away with Eric Romig?

12 A. She did tell us that she had plans to do so,
13 so I was afraid if we let her continue to be in
14 contact with him, that they would take the easy way
15 out and would disappear somewhere and I would -- to
16 another state or wherever they could.

17 Q. The other thing that -- on here is that you
18 talked about your first thoughts were, if you're
19 wrong, you could be ruining Eric Romig's life. I
20 think you had testified to that, right?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. You wanted to have some proof before you
23 made an accusation like this?

24 A. I wanted the police to look into it.

25 Q. You knew that if you were making an

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1 accusation that might turn out to be false, it could
2 ruin his life?

3 A. That's correct. It's a very serious
4 accusation. It wasn't made lightly.

5 Q. You also -- you spent time keeping the score
6 book for the team. Was that the Belles or was
7 that --

8 A. All of the teams. I always kept score for
9 the Deep Run teams. And Eric Romig had asked me to
10 keep score for the Belles, also.

11 Q. You heard your husband testify about the --
12 at least outward demeanor of Mr. Romig. Did he
13 always seem respectful when he was dealing with the
14 girls, at least from a public standpoint?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And you didn't notice any time that you were
17 with him any signs of distrust or uncomfortableness
18 with Mr. Romig's behavior?

19 A. No.

20 Q. And as I asked your husband, you're not
21 seeking for yourself to be compensated for any
22 physical manifestations of stress or for -- that
23 you've experienced as a result of this incident,
24 correct?

25 A. My first answer would be a question and I'm

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1 not allowed to ask questions.

2 MR. GROTH: The answer to your
3 question is no, there's nothing in the Complaint.
4 They're named as guardians of the minor plaintiff in
5 the case.

6 MR. RUSSELL: No individual
7 capacity.

8 MR. GROTH: The law doesn't permit
9 it, anyway.

10 MR. RUSSELL: I just wanted to be
11 sure we're clear.

12 MR. GROTH: It's clear.

13 BY MR. RUSSELL:

14 Q. We received a letter and your attorney
15 indicated that -- your client, meaning Liz Nace, was
16 going through struggles right now. I wanted to show
17 you that to see if we can find out further
18 information on that.

19 (Whereupon, A. Nace Exhibit 2, Letter dated
20 10/1/15, was marked for identification.)

21 BY MR. RUSSELL:

22 Q. If you could take a moment to read that
23 quietly to yourself and then let me know when you're
24 finished.

25 A. (Witness complies.)

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1 MR. GROTH: Do you want her to read
2 the attached letters, also?

3 MR. RUSSELL: To the extent it was
4 made reference in your letter. I just wanted her to
5 have the full.

6 MR. GROTH: Okay.

7 BY MR. RUSSELL:

8 Q. In this letter, on the first page, the
9 fourth paragraph down, it states, you know that my
10 client is going through the same type of struggles
11 right now, only two years removed from her sexual
12 abuse at the hands of your brother, Eric Romig.

13 In reading the attached letter that was
14 mentioned in there from -- we have the pastor of the
15 Royersford Bible Fellowship Church. It talked that
16 he had extensive pastoral counseling with Kelly over
17 three years.

18 Is Elizabeth going through these same
19 type of struggles right now, to your knowledge?

20 MR. GROTH: Object to the form of
21 the question.

22 You can answer.

23 Same type of struggles as who, as Kelly
24 Haines?

25 MR. RUSSELL: As Kelly Haines,

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1 correct.

2 MR. GROTH: The letter says Kelly
3 Haines hasn't had any pastor counseling for the past
4 three years. I think it says from 2009 to 2012.

5 MR. RUSSELL: I guess to the extent
6 that you state, you know my client is going through
7 the same type of struggles right now, only two years
8 removed from her sexual abuse at the hands of your
9 brother.

10 BY MR. RUSSELL:

11 Q. I'm just wondering. Is there something I'm
12 missing? Are you aware of any types of struggles
13 that your daughter is going through that are similar
14 to what's described in the attached pages that Kelly
15 Haines was going through?

16 MR. GROTH: Object to the form of
17 the question only insofar as it relates to or
18 encompasses expert testimony by a medical
19 professional. To the extent that she can relate her
20 own observations as a lay person understanding, she's
21 welcome to do that.

22 A. As I said before, Liz is a very strong
23 person. She doesn't let you know or let you see
24 what's going on. Liz's sanctuary and her safe place
25 is the mound when she's playing. She doesn't let

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1 outside forces influence her or -- she basically
2 builds a wall and goes to a private -- locks herself
3 off from all outside.

4 Q. Has she told you that she's struggling with
5 anything since she's gone to college, anything
6 emotionally?

7 A. Since she's gone to college?

8 Q. Yes.

9 A. I haven't talked a lot with her since she's
10 gone to college.

11 Q. Has she told you that she's struggling with
12 anything?

13 A. She's told me that it's hard.

14 Q. And what's hard?

15 A. Just dealing with all of the stress, living
16 with what she did and everything else and what
17 happened. She finds it, you know -- she finds it
18 difficult. But she is -- she wants to go on and she
19 doesn't want it to affect and she doesn't want anyone
20 to see that it affects her because that's -- that's
21 not who she is.

22 Q. With regard to the difficulty, does she live
23 in a co-ed dorm at Lycoming?

24 A. I believe it is, yes.

25 Q. Is it co-ed on the same floor or are the

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1 floors separated?

2 A. I believe the floors are separate. I'm not
3 positive.

4 Q. You mentioned that she's having some
5 difficulty with her roommate. What's the difficulty
6 that she's having with her roommate?

7 A. Her roommate is different from her.

8 Q. How so?

9 A. She likes to go out and party. Comes in
10 late. Doesn't pick up after herself. It's creating
11 a problem for her to study or to --

12 Q. And that difficulty doesn't have anything to
13 do with Eric Romig, correct?

14 A. In itself, no.

15 Q. Could she request to be in a dorm that's
16 just female students, do you know, at Lycoming?

17 A. I'm not sure.

18 Q. And Josh, the boyfriend that she has at
19 present, that's somebody she met on the mission trip?

20 A. Correct.

21 Q. You met him once. You were on the same
22 mission trip?

23 A. I was on the same mission trip. So I met
24 him there. And he's been to our house once.

25 Q. Before I let go of this -- what we've marked

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1 as A. Nace 2, the second page, and this would be if
2 you come up in the third paragraph from the bottom,
3 which begins finally, and you come up, say, five
4 lines where it says, of your own sexual abuse while
5 attending FCA. Do you see that?

6 Then it continues where it says, my
7 client likewise did not want to discuss her sexual
8 abuse from only two years ago with five attorneys
9 from FCA and Pennridge School District.

10 Is it your understanding that the only
11 reason she had to discuss that was that you filed a
12 lawsuit, correct?

13 A. Not necessarily. But as to it pertains
14 here, yes.

15 Q. If she didn't file the lawsuit, she wouldn't
16 have to discuss her sexual abuse with five attorneys,
17 right?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Under -- trying to understand, again, who
20 was sued and who was chosen not to be sued in this
21 case. I'm just trying to figure that out.

22 My understanding is that you sued Faith
23 Christian Academy because you believe that there were
24 other victims. You stated that you were told by the
25 police that she wasn't special, there were other

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1 people that Mr. Romig had had this type of
2 relationship with. Would that be accurate?

3 A. Correct.

4 Q. As you sit here today, do you know that Mr.
5 Romig -- there's -- do you still believe that now?

6 MR. GROTH: Not taking into
7 consideration any discussions that you and I had
8 about any facts or testimony or issues in this case,
9 which means independent of anything we discussed.

10 A. No. Suspicions.

11 Q. Suspicions?

12 A. Knowledge, no.

13 Q. You had suspicions, but no knowledge?

14 A. After all of this came out and the police
15 did their investigation, he made references to other
16 girls that were special to him from previous teams.
17 He would say that he knew, at a previous school,
18 where a coach had been let go for improper texting
19 with a player.

20 Q. But no mention of sexual intercourse?

21 A. No.

22 Q. No mention of any touching?

23 A. No.

24 Q. No mention of any sexting? Do you know what
25 I mean by that?

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1 A. No.

2 Q. Sending images of one another.

3 A. No.

4 Q. Do you have any knowledge other than what
5 you've learned from your attorney, that -- with
6 regard to Emily Mayer and the texting that is alleged
7 to have occurred between Emily Mayer and Eric Romig,
8 there was never any content that was able to be seen
9 or observed or --

10 A. No, I do not.

11 Q. Have you ever spoken to Emily Mayer?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Have you ever spoken to Kevin Smith, her
14 stepfather?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Did you know before today that Kevin Smith
17 was a former Montgomery County detective?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Do you have any knowledge as to why they
20 didn't report the texting issue if they felt it was
21 inappropriate to the police or the child protective
22 services?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Your Complaint mentions Kristen Kennedy.
25 Have you ever spoken with Kristen Kennedy?

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1 A. No.

2 Q. You're aware that her deposition has been
3 taken? Or not?

4 MR. GROTH: Again --

5 A. No.

6 MR. GROTH: Don't answer that
7 question.

8 Q. Apart from your attorney.

9 MR. GROTH: Except from talking to
10 me, would you have any knowledge about what
11 depositions were taken in the case?

12 THE WITNESS: No.

13 BY MR. RUSSELL:

14 Q. What part -- part of the whole process is
15 the search for the truth in this case. And I just
16 want to see what truth you're aware of.

17 With regard to Lauren Fretz, have you
18 ever spoken to Lauren Fretz?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Did you know that Emily Mayer's parents
21 continue to pay for tuition for her to attend Faith
22 Christian Academy even after the texting issue was
23 discovered?

24 A. No.

25 Q. The silver -- Sellersville Belles, do you

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1 have any knowledge, apart from your attorney, as to
2 why they were not named in this lawsuit?

3 A. No, I don't.

4 Q. Do you know anybody on the Sellersville
5 Belles that you wouldn't want to have sued them in
6 some capacity?

7 MR. GROTH: Again, I'll object to
8 the question insofar as it asks for legal expertise
9 as to whether or not there was even any legal claim
10 against Sellersville Belles. Your question seems to
11 imply that or assume that.

12 But again, you can answer.

13 A. No.

14 Q. According to Elizabeth, she had sex several
15 times while Mr. Romig was coaching the Belles, is why
16 I was asking the question. Is that your
17 understanding, as well?

18 A. Correct.

19 Q. And that was after her team had -- she
20 was -- the season had ended at Pennridge, correct?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And I thought I saw somewhere that you had
23 mentioned that she had been with the Sellersville
24 Belles before that season, but I think if I'm getting
25 clarified now, that the first time she was with the

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1 Sellersville Belles was the summer between her
2 sophomore and junior years?

3 A. It would have been fall.

4 Q. Did it begin August until --

5 A. Yeah, August.

6 Q. August into September or she started in
7 August?

8 A. They would start practicing in August.

9 Q. And I'm going -- I know your husband has
10 already answered. You never reached a settlement in
11 any way with the Sellersville Belles, correct?

12 A. No.

13 Q. And again, I'm not meaning any disrespect,
14 but I'm trying to figure out, you're looking to Faith
15 Christian Academy for positing some blame on them as
16 to what they did or should have done. And so I just
17 want to ask you some questions about what you may
18 have done or may not have done.

19 It's my understanding, as your husband
20 indicated, that the cell phone was either yours or
21 your husband's or both of yours, correct?

22 MR. GROTH: Daughter's cell phone.

23 Q. Your daughter's cell phone.

24 A. The payment, as it listed, because she was a
25 minor, it has his name and it was paid for by us, but

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1 it was always her phone. It was not ours.

2 Q. To the extent, though, that you said it was
3 password protected, you couldn't go on and see the
4 texts and you respected your daughter's privacy in
5 that regard?

6 A. Correct.

7 Q. But you were able to go on and see the
8 hundreds of pages of texts, I think you said --

9 A. On the bill.

10 Q. On the bill, right. I'm just wondering, was
11 there anything that prevented you from looking at
12 that before you did so at the end of September?

13 A. There was nothing, no.

14 Q. So if you had suspicions that your daughter
15 was being secretive about her cell phone, you could
16 have gone back in April and looked at the cell
17 phone bill itself just to see who she was texting or
18 what was going on or who she was calling or who was
19 calling her. Is that accurate?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Is there any reason why you did not?

22 A. I was not so distrustful at that point.

23 Q. But you understand there's an allegation
24 against Faith Christian Academy that they should have
25 done something about the number of texts that were

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1 being exchanged between Emily Mayer and Eric Romig
2 and you had access to that information between your
3 daughter and Eric Romig back in April, right?

4 MR. GROTH: Did you say she had
5 access to it?

6 MR. RUSSELL: Access to it.

7 MR. GROTH: Okay.

8 A. I disagree with --

9 Q. Let me withdraw the question. Let me ask it
10 differently.

11 Do you think that if you had looked back
12 in April at the number of texts that occurred between
13 your daughter and Eric Romig, that you could have
14 prevented your daughter from having a sexual
15 relationship with Eric Romig?

16 MR. GROTH: Object to the form.

17 Calls for complete speculation.

18 You can answer.

19 A. In hindsight, I would hope that I could have
20 done something differently. If I knew whose number
21 it was. At that time I didn't have that information,
22 so I wouldn't have been able to.

23 Q. Was Eric Romig not texting -- or sending
24 text messages to you as the parents, the coach? You
25 said that's how you figured it out eventually, right?

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1 A. By the number. He sent e-mails and he
2 didn't send us his -- an e-mail with his phone number
3 until September. So I didn't have knowledge.

4 Q. But if you saw the phone number, you could
5 have inquired further about that back in April? If
6 you saw a phone number that was repetitive, rather.

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. The other thing, you said that Liz only
9 stayed overnight at two people's homes. And one was
10 a relative, right? Who was that?

11 A. Her name is Christine Gaymen.

12 Q. Did you -- after this all came out, did you
13 ever contact Christine to find out if Liz was saying
14 she was trying to stay overnight over there when she
15 was really with Eric Romig?

16 A. No, I did not.

17 Q. And why not?

18 A. I didn't discuss it with anybody.

19 Q. So she -- the relative doesn't know any of
20 the situation with Eric Romig?

21 A. I don't know if they do or not. I never
22 discussed it with them.

23 Q. And how about with Ally, did you know Ally's
24 mom or father?

25 A. No.

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1 Q. Did you -- when somebody sleeps over -- when
2 your daughter would sleep over at somebody's house,
3 would you take it upon yourself to kind of do an
4 investigation about the house to make sure it's okay
5 or appropriate for her to sleep over there?

6 A. Not really.

7 Q. And you never -- even though you had some
8 suspicions about something, like a boyfriend or being
9 out late or something like that, did you ever call
10 Ally's mom to say, hey, is my daughter sleeping over
11 there tonight?

12 A. No, I did not.

13 Q. Why not?

14 A. I didn't distrust her at that point to
15 question it.

16 Q. When you saw that your daughter was getting
17 picked up not from your home, but down the block, you
18 thought that was odd, right?

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. What did you do to look into that further?

21 A. Just tried to watch out the window.

22 Q. Did you actually go outside and try to --

23 A. No. That would have alerted her that I was
24 watching.

25 Q. Did you tell your husband to maybe go in the

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1 back yard or try to look and see who was picking her
2 up?

3 A. No.

4 Q. And why not?

5 A. We had brought up the subject once, I
6 believe, and they thought -- I believe my husband
7 thought at that time maybe I was reading too much in
8 to my suspicions or, you know, that I wasn't quite --

9 Q. Did Liz ever tell you why she was getting
10 picked up down at the corner or did she give some
11 explanation?

12 A. So we wouldn't know.

13 Q. I mean, at the time --

14 A. Oh, no.

15 Q. Those of us that have children would think
16 it's something curious about not being picked up at
17 your home. Why would you go and wait for somebody
18 like a bus to come and pick you up, why wouldn't the
19 person come to your house so they can stay inside
20 until they come to your home? I'm just curious. Did
21 she give any explanation at the time as to why she
22 was doing that?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Did you inquire of her?

25 A. I'm not sure.

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1 Q. Is there any reason why you would not have
2 inquired of her?

3 A. I really didn't want her to know. If there
4 was something that she was doing that wasn't right, I
5 wanted to find out what it was or -- I didn't want to
6 put her on guard to hide things more.

7 Q. But you wanted -- if you had suspicions that
8 something wasn't right, you want to find that out,
9 right?

10 A. Correct.

11 Q. But you never asked her about that?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Then the other thing -- and I talked to your
14 husband about this and it's just something that
15 doesn't click to me as to making sense, but I think
16 you may have something that may add to it. Your
17 first report to the police, you go on the evening of
18 the 26th. Why do you allow your daughter to go
19 unaccompanied to the Belles practice on the 26th if
20 you have suspicions that there was something
21 inappropriate because you knew at that time that it
22 was Eric Romig that this could be an inappropriate
23 relationship with, correct?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. So you let her go unaccompanied to this

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1 practice that's run by Eric Romig with that
2 knowledge. Why did you do that?

3 A. Because I felt that was the safest place for
4 her. He never did anything at practice. There were
5 always others around. She was never alone with him.
6 Anything that happened was always after practice,
7 after school, overnight, whatever. It was not
8 anything --

9 Q. Just say, for example, as the coach, he can
10 say, all right, practice is over, everybody go home,
11 except for Kelly doesn't have a ride now -- not
12 Kelly, I apologize -- I mean, Liz doesn't have a
13 ride, she's there, you had no way of knowing whether
14 he could dismiss the practice and just want to spend
15 time with Liz, right?

16 A. It didn't occur to me until now.

17 Q. And then she -- you confront her that
18 evening on the 26th?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And she acknowledges the full scope of the
21 sexual relationship or at least a large part of the
22 sexual relationship, correct?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And then you still permit her to go to
25 practice on the 28th and that's -- and why was that

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1 again?

2 A. We didn't want him to have any suspicions.
3 We knew she had told him that we knew and that we
4 were aware of the relationship.

5 Q. Let me stop you there. Wouldn't that be
6 suspicion enough for him? He already has knowledge
7 of it. What additional information is he going to
8 glean by her not showing up at practice?

9 A. That we were doing something about it.

10 Q. Like not letting her practice with somebody
11 who was having a sexual relationship with her?

12 A. No. That we were setting up to have him
13 arrested.

14 Q. How would he know that you were meeting with
15 the police by not allowing her to go to practice on
16 the 28th?

17 A. Seemed like an obvious conclusion.

18 Q. And I think Liz indicated that she was able
19 to talk privately to Eric at that practice, that's
20 where they talked about the cell phone, the third
21 cell phone. So did you observe that private
22 communication between --

23 A. I did not.

24 Q. Let me just finish my question. Private
25 communication between Eric Romig and Liz at the

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1 practice that you were there on the 28th?

2 A. I did not.

3 Q. Is there any reason why you didn't observe
4 that? Were you distracted in some way? Did you go
5 in your car or some place else?

6 A. I could see that they were talking. I
7 assume it was relating to softball.

8 Q. But at that time you knew that she had
9 already told him that she told the parents, right?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And did he say anything to you at that
12 practice?

13 A. No, he did not.

14 Q. What do you know about the necklace, the
15 pendant that Liz was wearing that was given to her by
16 Eric?

17 A. I wasn't aware of it.

18 Q. Did you eventually become aware that she was
19 continuing to wear it?

20 A. The police took it as evidence.

21 Q. When did you first learn that it was given
22 to her by Eric Romig?

23 A. When she told the police and they took it.

24 Q. Do you know when that was?

25 A. The 30th. The day before he was arrested.